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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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ZHANG et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653
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Serial No.: 10/779,638) Examiner: H. Robinson
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Filed: February 18, 2004)
) Confirmation No.: 9082
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
FOR HEALING AND REPAIRING)
OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated July 20, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- Group I - Claim 15, drawn to a method for treating osteoarthritis;
- Group II - Claim 16, drawn to a method for treating a full thickness defect of articular cartilage;
- Group III - Claims 17-19, drawn to a method for regeneration of articular cartilage by administering a composition; and
- Group IV - Claims 20-37, drawn to a method for regeneration of articular cartilage by administering an osteochondral graft.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group IV, claims 20-37 drawn to a method for regeneration of articular cartilage by administering an osteochondral graft.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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